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In re Patent No. 6,036,385 :  
Issue Date: March 14, 2000 :  
Application No. 08/848,841 : DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REFUND  
Filed: April 30, 1997 :  
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This is a decision on the Request For Refund filed June 28, 2012.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Applicant files the above request for refund and states that "I have been advised by the Patent Office Legal Department to contact the Fee Refunds Section for a full refund of the final maintenance fee payment made. It was not due. I am requesting a refund on the patent fee of \$2,055.00 paid on August 18, 2011. It is a mistaken fee as I am given to understand. At nearly the same time, I was advised by persons at the inventors Assistance Center that the patent is still in force. The Patent is in my name Carl Bistrack. I am not an attorney, I cannot afford the expense of an attorney. In the past 10 years I have followed advice given by the US Patent and Trademark Office divisions for appropriate Patent and Trademark proper handling and maintenance. The patent # 6,036,385 was issued on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000. I was advised by the fees division."

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In view of the above, Patent No. 6,036,385 expired on February 7, 2011. Therefore, the maintenance fee of \$2,055.00 is being credited to applicant's credit card account as it is the method in which the fee was paid.

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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